

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A method for remotely storing data, comprising:

opening a first data item in an application on a first client device, wherein the application presents the contents of the first data item in a display area of a user interface of the application and wherein the application the application presents a remote save control in the user interface of the application;

loading a set of user preferences for a user, wherein the set of user preferences identifies a predetermined storage location on the first client device for storage of data items to be remotely saved;

in response to ~~an action from~~ selection of the remote save control by a user, storing at least a portion of the first data item in [[a]] the predetermined storage location on the first client device based on the set of user preferences; and

in response to a synchronization condition, automatically synchronizing contents of the predetermined location with a remote storage location.

2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising:~~

~~—adding wherein the remote save control is a remote save button~~ [[to an]] presented in a toolbar interface of the application.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined storage location comprises a predetermined directory or folder.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the set of user preferences is one of a plurality of sets of preferences in a multi-user environment.

9. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

identifying a selected portion of the first data item, wherein the selected portion is selected by the user in a display area of the application,

wherein the step of storing comprises creating a second data item comprising the selected portion, and storing the second data item in the predetermined storage location.

10. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the synchronization condition comprises selection of a synchronization ~~button~~ control by the user.

11. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the synchronization condition comprises expiration of predetermined time period.

12. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the remote storage location comprises a server device.

13. (Original): The method of 12, wherein the server device comprises one of a network file server and a Web server.

14. (Original): The method of claim 12, further comprising:

requesting, at a second client device, access to the server device; and

in response to receiving permission from the server device, accessing, at the second client device, data items stored in the remote storage location.

15. (Original): The method of claim 14, wherein the step of requesting access to the server device comprises sending authentication information from the second client device to the server device.

16. (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the authentication information comprises a username and a password.

17. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for remotely storing data, comprising:

means for opening a first data item in an application on a first client device, wherein the application presents the contents of the first data item in a display area of a user interface of the application and wherein the application presents a remote save control in the user interface of the application;

means for loading a set of user preferences for a user, wherein the set of user preferences identifies a predetermined storage location on the first client device for storage of data items to be remotely saved;

means for storing at least a portion of the first data item in ~~[[a]]~~ the predetermined storage location on the first client device based on the set of user preferences in response to ~~an action from selection of the remote save control by a user based on the set of preferences;~~ and

means for automatically synchronizing contents of the predetermined location with a remote storage location in response to a synchronization condition.

18. (Original): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the remote storage location comprises a server device.

19. (Original): The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:

means for requesting, at a second client device, access to the server device; and

means for accessing, at the second client device, data items stored in the remote storage location in response to receiving permission from the server device.

20. (Currently Amended): A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for remotely storing data, comprising:

instructions for opening a first data item in an application on a first client device, wherein the application presents the contents of the first data item in a display area of a user interface of the application and wherein the application presents a remote save control in the user interface of the application;

instructions for loading a set of user preferences for a user, wherein the set of user preferences identifies a predetermined storage location on the first client device for storage of data items to be remotely saved;

instructions for storing at least a portion of the first data item in ~~[[a]]~~ the predetermined storage location on the first client device based on the set of user preferences in response to an ~~action from selection of the remote save control by a user based on the set of preferences;~~ and

instructions for automatically synchronizing contents of the predetermined location with a remote storage location in response to a synchronization condition.

21. (New): The computer program product of claim 20, further comprising:

instructions for identifying a selected portion of the first data item, wherein the selected portion is selected by the user in a display area of the application,

wherein the instructions for storing comprises instructions for creating a second data item comprising the selected portion, and storing the second data item in the predetermined storage location.

22. (New): The computer program product of claim 20, wherein the remote storage location comprises a server device, the computer program product further comprising:

instructions for requesting, at a second client device, access to the server device; and

instructions for accessing, at the second client device, data items stored in the remote storage location in response to receiving permission from the server device.